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 25X1A Addition of Third Track to Spisska Nova Ves-Cop
 Railroad Line; Contacts of Nemec in Zuerich

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1. A railroad car factory in Kolin is being converted to the production of tracked military vehicles.*

2. A third track is being laid with great haste on the Spisska Nova Ves - Cop railroad line.** The workers, chiefly members of the people's militia, are segregated from other labor brigade workers and are subject to military discipline. The project is to be completed in two months.

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3. Ing. Frantisek Nemec, deputy manager of Metalimex, arrived in Zuerich where he conferred with one Martignolli of Lugano and Antonini of Zuerich, both listed by the Swiss police as members of the Swiss Communist Party. Immediately after the conference Martignolli left for Milan and Antonini left for Brussels. Nemec has a letter of unlimited credit and is attempting to purchase copper for Metalimex.

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* Comment: This plant is believed to be a rather small branch of Tatra National Corporation.

** Comment: It is not known whether the source meant that an additional track was being laid or that a third rail was being added to the existing tracks.

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*** Comment: It is extremely doubtful that a third rail is being laid on any line in Czechoslovakia. During the summer and early fall of 1950 a second track was being laid on this line in great haste. However, in view of the terrain and the fact that the tunnels in the region were built to carry two tracks, it also seems doubtful that a third track should be laid at this time.

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